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Chairman Michael Powell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St SW
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Dear Commissioner Powell,

I simply wish to register **my** strong opposition to any and all proposed changes to FCC rules that Mould permit increased consolidation of media ownership.

Democracy will not be sened by the unwanted consequences that are likely to result if regulations are changed to permit ownership of multiple television stations, newspapers, cable networks, and Internet websites by the same corporations. The foundation of **our** freedom and democracy rests on a flow of information that has not been sorted or edited, selected **or** omitted to serve h e interests of the powerful corporations **who** own the various information outlets available to us and upon **which** we depend

Please continue to hold public hearings...and expand them to all comers of the nation . so **that** citizens of this country, and not just **the** well-paid corporate attorneys and lobbyists, can have a full voice in this matter

Sincerely,

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